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SUBJ: RECENT PRESENTATIONS OF CREDENTIALS

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1. IN ADDITION TO NORTH KOREAN PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS REPORTED REFTEL, AUSTRIAN, SWEDISH AND EAST GERMAN AMBASSADORS ALSO PRESENTED CREDENTIALS ON JULY 2. AUSTRIANS ARE REPRESENTED BY KARL PETERLIK, SWEDES BY JEAN-CHRISTOPHE OBERG AND EAST GERMANS BY SIEGFRIED KUEHNEL WHO IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO AND RESIDENT IN RANGOON. MFA PROTOCOL DEPUTY DIRECTOR THEP THEWAKUN TOLD EMBOFF JULY 6 THAT LONG DELAY IN NORTH KOREAN PRESENTATION WAS, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, RESULT OF IMPASS OVER THAI INSISTENCE THAT ENVOY'S SPEECH BEFORE HIS MAJESTY NOT INCLUDE MENTION OF THEIR POSITION ON REUNIFICATION, A CONDITION TO WHICH NORTH KOREANS EVENTUALLY AGREED. SUBSEQUENT PRESS STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHAJ, WHO RECEIVED NORTH KOREAN AMABASSADOR THAT SAME AFTERNOON, DID, HOWEVER, SAY THAT REUNIFCATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING THEIR MEETING, THUS PROVIDING NORTH KOREANS A PUBLIC FORUM (PERHAPS AN AGREED COMPROMISE) DENIED THEM IN ADDRESSING THE KING.

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2. THEP SAID THAT NORTH KOREANS WOULD PROBABLY MAINTAIN

REPRESENTATION FROM RANGOON, ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ATTENDANCE BY BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREANS AT SUCH FUNCTIONS AS THE KING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COULD LEAD TO TOUCHY SOCIAL SITUATIONS. HE FOUND IT MORE LIKELY THAT EAST GERMANS WOULD ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY HERE -- "THEY ARE MORE WEALTHY" -- A PREDICTION ALSO RECENTLY MADE TO US BY FRG CHARGE' WHO SAID HE HAD HEARD REPRESENTATION WOULD BE AT CHARGE' LEVEL.
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